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1. CONSULATE WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER ELABORATION FORM DEPT. REGARDING ITS UNDERSTANDING OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL PROBLEM INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, ONLY QUESTION IS WHETHER PAN AM OBTAINS THE AIRPLANE, PART OR ALL OF THE MONEY IT CLAIMS, OR NOTHING. DOES DEPT. PERCEIVE POSSIBILITY THAT PAN AM MIGHT TRANSFER SOME ASSET TO PRGSV?

2. CONGEN, OF COURSE, HAS HAD NO INTENTION OF INTERVENING IN COURT ASPECTS OF CASE. HOWEVER, WE DO BELIEVE THERE ARE POLITICAL OVERTONES IN WAY HKG IS HANDLING CASE AND THAT DESPITE LEGAL ARGUEMENTS UK MAY WISH TO DISPOSE OF IT IN MANNER LIKELY TO ENHANCE ITS RELATIONS WITH PRG. THIS IS THE QUESTION ON WHICH WER ARE SEEKING GUIDANCE AND ON WHICH, IF WE WISH TO BE EFFECTIVE, WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO MOVE QUICKLY.

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